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- 25X1 1. The delivery of coke for smelting furnaces was very much in arrears in 1951, and stocks for heavy industry were reduced to a few days' requirements. The consumption of coke in December 1951 was about 210,000 tons, against 190,000 tons which were distributed. In January consumption was 205,000 tons against 183,000 tons distributed.
2. On the instructions of the Minister President¹ the export of coke to East Germany was to be increased in order to fulfill the requirements of the trade agreement. There were complaints from Germany as to quality. If the deliveries of coke were reduced for two or three days, the blast furnaces would have had to shut down.
3. The position was the same in regard to limestone and calcined dolomite, and stocks were sufficient only for one or two days; instead of 2,800 tons, they stood at 620 tons.
4. On 17 January 1952, Minister Adam Wang held a conference at the State Commission for Economic Planning concerning the delivery of coke to the smelting industry. The following facts were revealed:
- The coking ovens and the coal industry are failing to deliver according to plan.
 - Quality is deteriorating.
 - 1,000,000 tons are exported, of which 500,000 tons go to Eastern Germany.

It was decided to issue a government order to increase production, improve quality and regulate and control exports.

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5. A similar conference was held concerning the delivery of limestone and calcined dolomite to the foundry industry. A shortage of these items is threatening the fulfilment of the production plans in crude iron and steel.
6. The scheduled quantities of calcined dolomite for export to Czechoslovakia are as follows:

January 1952	600 tons
February 1952	650 tons
March 1952	700 tons

Under these circumstances, the foundries do not even dispose of one day's supply.

7. In the Szczakowa cement works a furnace was converted for the burning of dolomite. The lining of this furnace, which was not constructed for this work, is always being burnt out.

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1. Comment: presumably reference to the Prime Minister of Poland, Jozef Cyrankiewicz.

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